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NEWS RELEASE

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The Woodlands Township COVID-19 Update, Thursday, July 23, 2020



Township Board of Directors Met Wednesday via Videoconference

The Woodlands Township Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting via videoconference Wednesday, July 22, 2020, at 6 p.m. to discuss Township matters.

The Board took no action related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic. The Board accepted reports and updates from Entergy Texas, Montgomery County Sheriff's and Constable's Office, Harris County Constable's Office, Development Standards Committee, the Budget Task Force and more. [Read the complete release.](#)



County News

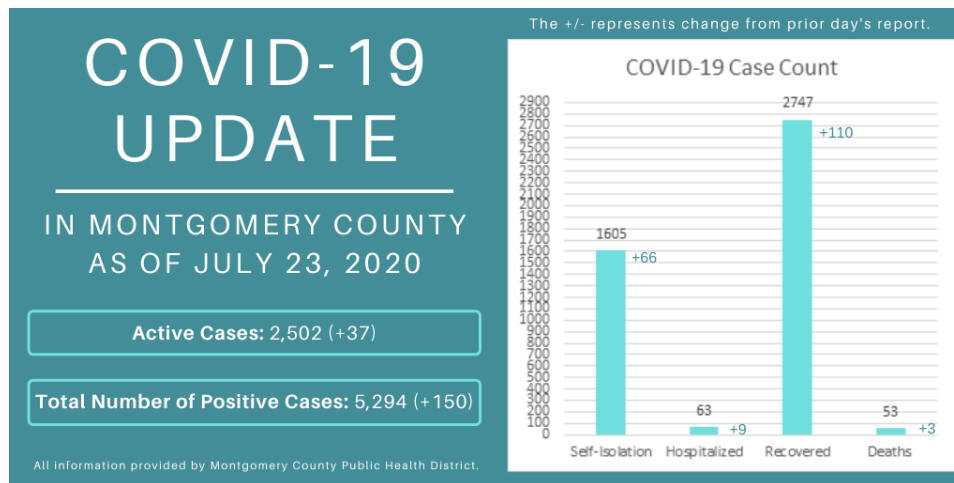
Montgomery County COVID-19 Case Count increases by 150 positives

Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, is saddened to confirm three additional

deaths related to COVID-19, bringing the total to 53. A woman in her 80s from Willis, a woman in her 50s from Conroe, and a man in his 70s from Conroe all died in the hospital. All patients had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19. We offer our condolences to each family at this difficult time.

- TOTAL cases of COVID-19 increased by 150 to 5,444.
- ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 increased by 37 to 2,539.
- 63 residents are known to be in the hospital, as a result of contact investigations. Contact investigations have not been initiated on all reported cases.
- 2,747 people have clinically recovered.

*Changes reflected since yesterday.



You can view the list of case-by-case updates on the MCPHD website here: <https://mcphd-tx.org/coronavirus-covid-19/confirmed-cases/>. You can refer to the dashboard here: <https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/>.

Harris County COVID-19 Case Count

Harris County Public Health (HCPH) publishes their daily case count, combined with the City of Houston's daily case count, here: <https://tinyurl.com/tzymvk5>. Cases by zip code in Harris County can be found by clicking on areas of the [map](#).

The Village of Creekside Park is located in two zip codes: 77375 and 77389, and these also include Magnolia, Augusta Pines/Auburn Lakes/West Rayford Road in northwest Harris County. Today, Harris County is reporting zip code 77375 has 401 confirmed positive cases with 172 active cases, and 77389 has 231 confirmed positive cases with 66 active cases.

Testing Information

Testing in Montgomery County

A reminder, online registration is now available for COVID-19 testing through the MCPHD/MCHD voucher program. Click on "Need to be tested?" on mchd-tx.org or mcphd-tx.org

[tx.org](#) and follow the instructions. Call the COVID-19 Call Center at 936-523-3916, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., for more information.

Testing in Harris County

Get tested, it's free! To sign up for testing, visit [hcphtx.org](#) or [ReadyHarris.org](#) or you can call 832-927-7575. [View flyer](#) for more information. Once tested, results from HCPH testing sites can take up to 5 days to process. As you wait for your results, stay home and self-isolate, especially if you are sick, practice social distancing (6 ft/2 m) and wear a face-covering. [View flyer](#) for more information on the next steps after you have been tested.

Governor Announces Additional Testing Sites

Governor Greg Abbott announced on Sunday, July 12, 2020, that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has extended federal support of Community Based Testing Sites in Dallas and Houston through July 31, 2020. Governor Abbott previously secured an extension of these sites in June. [View the Governor's complete announcement.](#)



State News

Governor Recommends Monitoring Weather Throughout The Weekend

Governor Greg Abbott has urged Texans to remain vigilant and closely monitor weather conditions as a tropical development in the Gulf is expected to impact parts of Texas this weekend. The storm may lead to dangerous flash flooding, especially in the upper Rio Grande Valley, the Coastal Bend, and the Texas Hill Country. The Governor is also preparing state resources to assist communities with potential flooding and heavy rainfall. [Read the full announcement.](#)

Tropical Depression Eight Update

Tropical Depression 8 is expected to strengthen into Tropical Storm Hanna before making landfall on the Texas coast. This storm's wind speeds have increased to 35 MPH and is expected to produce heavy rains across portions of Louisiana and Southeast Texas, which could result in flash flooding. This storm is expected to produce 2 to 4 inches of rain with isolated maximum totals of 6 inches along the Gulf coast. Tropical storm wind conditions are possible within the watch area as early as late Friday afternoon. [Read the full release](#) for more information.

School News



Local School Districts Reopening Plans

Local school districts have developed reopening plans. See below for more information on each school district.

Conroe ISD Superintendent Dr. Curtis Null announced on July 20, 2020, the school year will begin on August 12, 2020, and ALL students will begin in remote/online instruction only. Traditional in-person instruction is scheduled to begin no earlier than September 8, 2020.

[Read the full message from Dr. Null](#) | [Roadmap to Reopening](#)

Magnolia ISD announced on July 22, 2020, school will start on August 12 as planned with all students receiving instruction online through Labor Day. [Planning for the 2020-2021 School Year](#)

Tomball ISD announced on July 22, 2020, out of an abundance of caution for students and staff, as well as ensuring they have adequate staffing, that they has made the decision to start the school year on Tuesday, August 18, with ALL students in remote/virtual instruction only. [Return to Excellence – Reopening 2020](#)

The John Cooper School - [Reopening Plan](#)

The Woodlands Christian Academy - [TWCA 2020-2021 Reopening Plan](#)

Township News



Riva Row Boat House Re-Opens Thursday, July 23, 2020

The Woodlands Township has re-opened Riva Row Boat House today, Thursday, July 23, 2020. Normal operating hours will be in effect, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., with last boats going out at 7 p.m., closed on Wednesdays only. [Read the full release](#) for more information.



COVID-19 Case Count Brief from The Woodlands Fire Department

As of Thursday, July 23, 2020, + or – signifies change since previous report

Montgomery County

5,444 – Confirmed, +150
2,539 - Active Cases, +37
53 – Deaths, +3
2,747 – Recovered, +110
63 – Hospitalized, +9
1,605 - Self isolation or recovery at home, +66

Harris County

21,981 – Confirmed, +573
8,333 - Active Cases, +203
239 – Deaths, +10
13,408 – Recovered, +360



Around the Township



The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion Goes Virtual for Free Arts Outreach Program

Though The Pavilion's Main Stage is currently dark, the non-profit organization is strongly committed to continuing to provide cultural enrichment for both young audiences and the public at large by increasing exposure to the arts. The Pavilion has recently launched several of its free educational outreach programs virtually for families to enjoy from the safety of their homes.

This season's free Mini Maestros kids club is being offered through a digital experience via Google Classroom. The Pavilion is also excited to launch the Virtual Scout Day Program this season as a way for Scouts BSA to achieve their Music Merit Badge. [Read the full release](#) for more information.

Community Resources

Numerous resources are available in the community for support. These vary from food banks to financial assistance and much more. Please visit the [Community Resources webpage](#) to find more information about resources in the community related to COVID-19.



Community Assistance Center

The Montgomery County Community Assistance Center (CAC) is seeking help through monetary and in-kind donations and through volunteers. The CAC front office is open for food and clothing assistance but with limited contact. [View the CAC Services flyer](#) | [View the CAC How You Can Help flyer](#).



The Benefits of Music on Mental Health

Research shows the benefits of music for various mental health conditions. Music acts as a medium for processing emotions and can also be utilized as a regulating or calming agent for anxiety. [Read more here.](#)

FDA Answers Questions About Hand Sanitizer Uses and Safety

The FDA is working to address the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak and keep you and your family informed on the latest developments. Visit the [FDA's website](#) for answers to some frequently asked questions from consumers about hand sanitizers and disinfectants.

The CDC provides information regarding disinfectant practices for surfaces in the [Reopening Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools, and Homes](#). [Learn more about these and other coronavirus topics.](#)

Township's Coronavirus Page

The Woodlands Township's COVID-19 page can be found at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/covid19. This page features Montgomery and Harris county hubs, community resources and news from the Federal Government and the CDC. It also includes the latest news from the Township, partner agencies, important links, FAQs, live Twitter feeds and more.

Stay Connected

Please stay connected to The Woodlands Township through our many communications channels. Learn more and sign up at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/stayinformed.



The Woodlands Township publishes this update to inform residents and businesses regarding COVID-19 and its impact on The Woodlands Township. Please sign up for Township news and notifications at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/notifyme.